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USUN FOR AMBASSADORS SCRANTON, BENNETT AND SHERER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR, MO (BENJELLOUN, ALI)

SUBJECT: ALI BENJELLOUN, NEW MOROCCAN PERM REP TO UN

REF: RABAT 4305

1. YOU MAY HAVE SEEN REFTEL REPORTING BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON ALI BENJELLOUN. I HAVE KNOWN ALI SINCE HIS DAYS IN WASHINGTON WHEN HE WAS ONE OF THE MOST PROFESSIONAL AND BEST LIKED AMBASSADORS IN TOWN. DESPITE HIS TEMPORARY ECLIPSE PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF HIS TOTALLY UNDISTINGUISHED PERFORMANCE AS HEAD OF THE PHOSPHATES OFFICE IN MOROCCO (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IS JUST NOT HIS BAG), HE HAS RECOUPED HIS STANDING WITH KING HASSAN AFTER RESUMING A VERY SUCCESSFUL LAW PRACTICE. I CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT THE KING APPOINTED ALI TO THIS DELICATE AND DIFFICULT POST AT THE UN CONFIDENT THAT HE WOULD PERFORM WELL ON THE SAHARA PROBLEM.

2. BENJELLOUN ARRIVES IN NEW YORK THIS FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS TO PRESENT HIS LETTERS AND BEGIN MAKING HIS CALLS. AS A LONGSTANDING FRIEND OF THE US, HE LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING YOU. I HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE HIM AS HE SHOULD PROVE TO BE A HELPFUL COLLEAGUE.

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